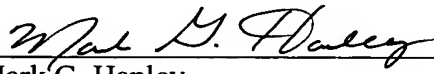


**REMARKS**

The applicants respectfully request an early action on the merits. If there are any remaining issues in this application, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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